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MONDAY—THE WORLD'S HALF-RATE SITUATION DAYS.—SATURDAY.

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THIS IS
50,000 MORE
THAN THE
COMBINED CIRCULATION
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WE ARE ALL MELTING.

Temperature Lower, but Humidity
Much Higher than Yesterday.

Heat Not in It With Moisture for
Discomfort.

Prostrations in This City and
Brooklyn Reported To-Day.

If yesterday was a scorcher, to-day is cer-
tainly a sitter. At least that is what the
sweltering inhabitants of Gotham who were
suffering during the early hours of the morning
thought.

Sleep was an impossibility after Old Sol had
once poked his head above the house-tops, and
there was an all-pervading moisture and stickiness
about everything.

A glance at the thermometer would have
shown the perspiring victim that it was one or
two degrees cooler than at the same time yes-
terday morning, but as most people under such
circumstances are not disposed to waste time
with analytical comparisons and mathematical
calculations, the generality of humanity at
once assumed, judging from the degree of
personal discomfort, that they were in for an
another merciful record breaker.

overcome at 114 East One Hundred and
Twenty-fifth street, Harlem Hospital.
John Quintan, seventy-five, of One Hundred and
Forty-fourth street and Third Avenue,
overcame at 125 West One Hundred and Twenty-
eighth street.

Taken home.

Ex-Policeman Walker Dead.

To-Day's Record of Minor Happenings About Town.

*Chronicles Briefly Drawn from Note-
Book and Docket.*

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*Margaret Gaines colored this morning fell
down the air shaft from roof to cellar at her
home No. 230 West Forty-first street. Her
left leg was fractured.*

Foul Play on the Air Shaft.

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CUT DOWN A SCHOONER.

*The Big City of Columbus Collides
With the Olive.*

*It was reported at City Island this morning
that the steamship City of Columbus ran into
the schooner Olive off Eaton's Neck in the
sound last night.*

*The schooner's stern was cut off just
forward of the wheel and she is partially sunken.*

*Her crew stayed by her. The City of Columbus
proceeded on her trip.*

*The Columbia is a new boat of the Hallfax
Line. The schooner is bound to this port from
Nova Scotia.*

HEARD FROM MERZBACHER.

*Denies that He Embezzled from the
New York Life or is Hiding.*

*New York Life Insurance Company officials
claim that the money lost through Agent
Merzbacher simply represents anticipated
premiums, that there was no embezzlement,
and the Company's funds and that in the
ordinary course of business Merzbacher's
fate will be quickly made up.*

*Altogether it was the worst morning New
York has seen since the present "hot spell."
The court gave the name of the company which
is doing the best business.*

*Chief Weather Observer Dunn admitted as
much this morning. But he told an Evening
World reporter that he was not without
strong hope of a speedy relief.*

*The flannel shirt brigade had received
thousands of recruits, and the uniform
blue of the Marine Guard was seen on
a belted shirt with a starched front bound
flap and sash by the time he reached the
City Hall station.*

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*WASHINGTON, June 17.—The Assistant Sec-
retary of the Treasury has appointed Hon.
Charles Grovernor, of the Special Commission
on the World's Fair, Grovernor was appointed
Superintendent of Insurance to make an ex-
amination of the affairs of the Company, and
has been sent to the Superintend-
ent of Insurance to say that the program
from President Hayes approves this course.*

Grovernor's New Birth.

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*DID Harold Boice Hawkins register
to-day?" asked a young man at the Le-
land yesterday, according to the Chicago
World.*

*"No sir. Nor he won't ever register
here," replied John Chamberlain, the
casher.*

*"He surely will. He had such an
honest face. I'll sit in the office and
wait a few hours for him."*

*When the young man, who was Charles
Major, of Indianapolis, came to a quiet
nook in the rotunda, Mr. Chamberlain
told why the young man wanted to see
Harold Boice Hawkins so badly.*

*A few weeks ago Major met a man with
an honest face on the train coming into
Chicago. When they arrived at the station
Major saw that he had lost his
purse. The loss of a few dollars
would not bother him ordinarily,
but he was hastening to the bedside of his
dying mother.*

*As he told Major of his predic-
ment, he said he had to get to Omaha
as fast as he could.*

*The humidity, however, was up six degrees,
the wet bulb showing 84 degrees of moisture
in the air as compared with 70 degrees
yesterday.*

*The weather was further aggravated by
the fact that there was very little wind
since yesterday.*

*All through New England and the Lake
Region the temperature was from 84 to 15 de-
grees cooler.*

*Franklin, which was the hottest place in
the country yesterday, had a drop of
18 degrees last night and was reported at 70 this
morning.*

There was 54, a fall of 20 degrees.

*It was at 80°. Weston had a fall of 11 degrees
since yesterday.*

*At noon the thermometer at Perry's regis-
tered 95°, while in Boston it was 68°.*

*"To-night we ought to feel the effect of
the wave on its way," said Sergeant Dow,
and we shall probably get some showers.
A dry front is moving across the country and
temperature is not too much to expect to-
morrow."*

*Kirk Anderson, a domestic, twenty-one,
prostrated at 114 East One Hundred and
Twenty-fifth street.*

*Marcus Lambert, eighteen, a clerk, sun-
stroke, 125 West One Hundred and Nine-
teenth street.*

*At 8 o'clock this afternoon Perry's therm-
ometer registered 100 degrees.*

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*Kate Anderson, twenty-one, a domestic,
special issue.*

CITY NEWS TERSELY TOLD. FAVORS BLIND DAN'S WILL. IT IS McKinley.

*Important Ruling in its Favor by
Surrogate Ransom.*

*Contestants Produce Bridget Sliv-
nett's Relinquishment of Dower
Rights.*

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SEABRIGHT'S SCOURGE

**Five Hundred Homeless and Thirty
Acres of Houses in Ruins.**

**Hostler Kelly Arrested on Suspi-
cion of Being a Firebug.**

**Gov. AbbottAppealed To for Aid to
the Destitute Sufferers.**

**Special to the Evening World.—
SEABRIGHT, N. J., June 17.—Although this
place has been visited by fire several times in
its history, it never was so scourged as by the
disastrous and far-reaching conflagration
which has raged here during the past fifteen
hours.**

**When the fire swept through the fisher-
men's cottages and along St. George's Bow,
the terror and confusion was awful. Men,
women and children, old and young, aged and
infant, crowded out of their burning habitac-
tions and rushed to a place of safety.**

**Some of the men started behind the fire,
but many fled before the flames. Those
who were bedridden were hastily pulled out
and carried to a place of safety.**

**In all 400 buildings were burned. Most of
them were buildings of small value and
fishermen's cottages, but there were a number
of large and valuable buildings the loss
of which will be severely felt.**

**So far as can be ascertained the loss is
about half covered by insurance. Representatives
from the Board of Fire Underwriters are
here today. They are estimating the losses.
It will be the work of days to accomplish
that.**

**The fire was not entirely under control until
about 3 o'clock this morning. The fire
had nearly burnt down with all the
old houses.**

**The streets were filled with shouting men
and crying women and children, who greatly
increased the terror.**

**The flames started about 4:30 o'clock, accord-
ing to all reports, in the haymow in Bucklaw's livery stable.**

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